(4) and (5) Yes. The work was provided for in the budget of 1102. It was not, however, executed by the Panchayat as other roads more urgent have been taken up for execution.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—With reference to answers to sub-divisions (4) and (5), was this work provided for in the budget of 1103 or 1104?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—No.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know the reason why it was not provided for ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—For want of funds.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Can we reasonably expect that it will find a place in the budget for 1105?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—I cannot say.

Government servants accepting honorary posts, etc.

568. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether Government servants are prohibited from accepting honorary but responsible posts in the managing bodies of Social and Communal organisations without prejudice to their duties as Government servants and address communications to the Diwan or His Highness direct, in such capacities;

(b) if the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative, whether any Government servant has at present accepted such posts, and if so, the names and particulars of the Government posts held by such Government servants ?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(a) No, provided it does not interfere with their legitimate duties as Government servants.

(b) In the light of the answer to part (a), no answer is called for to this part.

Removal of teak from Sirkar forests.

569. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state if the D. F. O., Northern Division, received any anonymous letter about the removal of teak from Sirkar forests without permission while he was camping at Nemmara in Vrischigam last ; if so, what was the letter ?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—(1) Yes.

(ii) A copy of the petition is placed on the Council Table.

570. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state if Mr. V. Kesavan Nayar of Nemmara had applied to cut and remove teak from the Sirkar forests in Nemmara; if so, when ; when was sanction accorded for the same and how many trees were cut and removed to Mr. Kesavan Nayar's Farm House in pursuance of the sanction ?

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Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—Mr. V. Kesavan Nayar of Nemmara had not applied up to date to cut and remove teak from Sirkar forests in Nemmara. In view of the above reply the other parts of the question do not arise.

Working of the Co-operative Society.

571. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state with reference to the request made by the Hon'ble Members for Chittur and North Ezhuvas Constituencies (vide II, C. L. C., Vol. I. Part 11, page 826) to appoint a committee to enquire into the working of the Co-operative Societies:—

(a) whether the matter has been considered by the Government since then ; if so,

(b) what is the decision arrived at ?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(a) No.

(b) The question does not arise.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know what is the reason for not considering the matter ?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Because it was elaborately considered in this House in connection with a resolution one and odd years ago.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Did they consider it at any time after that ?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Government did not think it necessary to consider it at this stage.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—What is the decision of that consideration ; what decision was arrived at ?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—The decision is that there is no necessity to appoint any such committee for the time being.

Land-Mortgage Societies.

572. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state with reference to the request made by the Hon'ble Member for Vadakkancheri (Vide II, C. L. C., Vol. I, Part 11, page 827) to introduce Land-Mortgage Societies:—

(a) whether the matter has been considered by the Government since then ; and if so,

(b) what is the decision arrived at ?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(a) No.

(b) The question does not arise.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—What is the reason for not considering the matter ?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—The very same reason.

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